

In re Appln. of Dubois et al.
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Amendments to the Abstract

Please delete the Abstract and add the following new Abstract:

An operation of a packet communication network is monitored through packets addressed to or transmitted by a control unit of a router pertaining to the communication network. Therefore, a collecting module can be connected to a link of the communication network so as to collect packets corresponding to second packets transferred at an interface between a routing unit and a control unit of a router. The collected packets are selected, then a content and coordinates of the selected packets are sent to a recording unit. In a preferred embodiment, the collecting unit is integrated within the router and the recording unit is connected to the communication network remotely from the router containing the collecting unit.

A replacement Abstract is attached hereto on a separate sheet in accordance with 37 CFR 1.72.